

Opinions on tourism in Malham, a tourist honeypot in the Yorkshire Dales National Park

Government official

"We need to keep the paths open for visitors – but how do we control the wear? It's a difficult job to balance tourism and the needs of local people and the environment"

Local resident

"I like tourists, and my job is dependent upon them. However, during the summer, the school run can take up to an hour."

Local Farmer

"Tourists are pests – my gates get left open and their dogs worry the sheep during lambing season. Then they moan about the smell!"



Hotel owner

"We may get 6.1 million visits a year – but how many are staying the night? They don't always bring as much money as people say"

Tourist

"This is such a beautiful area. We really like to bring a picnic out here and relax away from the city. But there are more and more people very year"

Park Ranger

"Tourists can cause all sorts of problems to the area, like parking on grass verges and blocking roads. But they also bring so much money and so many jobs to Malham"

What are the best ways to balance the needs of different users?

Who is more important - local people or tourists?

Can you please everybody?